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December 19, 2005

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Division of Program Development
3132 Channel Drive, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801-78998

Dear Division of Program Development:

Re: Draft 2006-2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

With regard to the above referenced subject, please be advised that at its meeting of December 15, 2005 the City of Ketchikan City Council formally considered the draft 2006-2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The City Council is very supportive of the projects identified in the draft 2006-08 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, particularly the Gravina Access Project and the improvements programmed for the Ketchikan Shipyard, and wishes to extend its appreciation to the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities for their inclusion in this critical planning document. In light of Gov. Murkowski's \$91 million appropriation in the State's FY07 Capital Budget and as evidenced by its adoption of Resolution No. 05-2160, the City Council is strongly committed to the successful completion of the Gravina Access Project and would hope that DOT&PF will move forward in as expedited a manner as possible.

The City Council did note, however, potential deficiencies in the draft 2006-08 STIP and adopted a motion directing my office to forward the following comments to the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities:

1. Tongass Avenue Resurfacing, Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements, Airport Ferry Terminal to Third Avenue: No funds appear in the 2006-2008 STIP for resurfacing of Tongass Avenue from the Airport Ferry Terminal to Third Avenue. The City has been working closely with DOT&PF, in order to coordinate water and sewer infrastructure replacement with the State's planned resurfacing of Tongass Avenue. The City has entered into Reimbursable Services Utility Agreement Nos. 3-68330-05-08 and 3-68831-05-07 in the amounts of \$2,475,251 and \$1,757,157 for this purpose. It is the City's understanding that \$3,534,185 was programmed for this project and, as of November 1, 2005, \$3,427,801 remains available to complete this project. If this information is incorrect, the City respectfully requests the inclusion of funds in the 2006-08 STIP to complete these improvements.



2. Tongass Avenue Resurfacing and Viaduct Replacement/Rehabilitation, Tremont Street to Grant Street: No funds appear in the 2006-2008 STIP for completion of resurfacing of Tongass Avenue and viaduct replacement/rehabilitation between Grant Street and Tremont Street. It is the City's understanding that the work is currently under contract to Bicknell, Inc. and is scheduled for completion in June of 2006. It is the City's further understanding that \$6,759,231 was programmed for this project and, as of November 1, 2005, \$5,484,601 remains available to complete this project. If this information is incorrect, the City respectfully requests the inclusion of funds in the 2006-08 STIP to complete these improvements.
3. Port of Ketchikan Berth Improvements: In October of this year, DOT&PF requested that the City complete a STIP nomination form (Scope, Schedule, Estimate) for a \$1,000,000 Congressional earmark that the City had previously received for improvements to the Port of Ketchikan. Although the nomination form was forwarded to the State (see attached), the project was not incorporated in the 2006-08 STIP. Should it be required to enable access to this funding, the City respectfully requests the inclusion of this project in the 2006-08 STIP.
4. Extension of Waterfront Promenade: The City respectfully requests funding in the amount of \$600,119 to extend the waterfront promenade from the downtown dock area toward the south end of town. This project would provide two important links in the promenade system that the City has developed over the past 10 years. These new sections would connect several existing promenades into a longer and safer walking area allowing tourists and locals to enjoy the Ketchikan waterfront. The project consists of widening the Stedman Street sidewalk, from 6 feet to 14 feet wide. It would also widen the Thomas Street Trestle to allow foot traffic along the harbor.

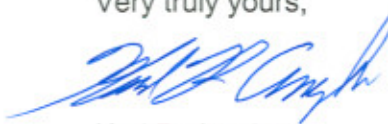
SCOPE OF PROJECT:

ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST
Stedman Street Section	\$299,269
Thomas Street Section	<u>\$300,850</u>
Total Project Cost	\$600,119

The City Council looks forward to your favorable consideration of these issues.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Karl R. Amylon
City Manager

cc: Katy Suiter, City Clerk
Harvey Hansen, Public Works Director
David Martin, Assistant City Manager
Andy Hughes, Southeast Region Planning Chief

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2160

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE GRAVINA ISLAND ACCESS PROJECT, URGING THE GOVERNOR TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Gravina Island represents the best opportunity for future growth of our community and Southern Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Gravina Island Access project, including the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans Memorial Bridge, has been a community priority for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Gravina Island Access project was overwhelmingly supported by a 2-1 vote of the people of Ketchikan, and, in addition, federal funding for both the Gravina Island and Knik Arm projects was supported by 65% of all Alaskans in a recent poll; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Gravina Island Access project will allow the implementation of the Gravina Island Development Plan which was recently completed by local government and which provides access to non-federal land for commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational purposes, specifically providing for land and infrastructure to support fisheries development, the wood products industry, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Council has through resolutions adopted in 1997, 2003, and 2004 previously supported the project in light of its long-range economic benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan suffered a great economic loss as a result of federal policy changes on the Tongass National Forest which resulted in the decimation of a vibrant timber industry, from which the community is still struggling to recover; and

WHEREAS, after the significant decline of the local timber industry the Gravina Island Access project took on a more critical role in Ketchikan's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 over \$20 million in federal TEA-21 funds were made available for this project and authorized and matched by the Alaska Legislature, to date \$9.2 million in federal funds and \$2.3 million in state funds have been spent on the project scoping and EIS, and a record of decision has been issued; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Congressional Delegation has fought long and hard for funding for these projects and has provided funding for the projects in both the TEA-21 and in the SAFETEA-LU legislation as passed by the Congress just recently; and

WHEREAS, in his inaugural State of the State address Governor Murkowski identified the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as his top statewide priorities, and

WHEREAS, Governor Murkowski consistently thereafter identified both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as priorities for federal funding earmarks in his requests to the Alaska Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murkowski consistently thereafter identified both the Gravina Island Access and Knick Arm projects as priorities for federal funding earmarks in his requests to the Alaska Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, despite the loss of earmarks the Alaska Congressional delegation has been successful in its efforts to keep funding intact for both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects; and

WHEREAS, delays in completing the projects will result in additional economic harm to the community as well as increased construction costs for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska urges Governor Murkowski to reaffirm his support for the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as transportation priorities and to assure that construction plans are in the final 2006-2008 STIP.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska urges Governor Murkowski and the Alaska State Legislature to use federal funds as intended by the Alaska Congressional delegation, specifically by including sufficient federal and state funds in the FY 2007 capital budget to keep the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects on schedule.

Section 3. The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska requests that Governor Murkowski instruct the Alaska Department of Transportation to move both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects to construction as soon as possible.

Section 4. The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska expresses its sincere thanks to the Alaska Congressional Delegation for its long efforts to provide funding for these projects and urges the Delegation to communicate to the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature its clear intention that funding provided in the SAFETEA-LU bill be authorized and spent for both projects as originally intended.

Section 5. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2005.



Bob Weinstein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk

Rebecca Brown - STIP Funding Narrative and Costs - Ketchikan Berth Improvements

From: Rebecca Brown
To: jim_potdevin@dot.state.ak.us
Date: 10/14/2005 1:38 PM
Subject: STIP Funding Narrative and Costs - Ketchikan Berth Improvements
CC: Karl Amylon; Mike Hartley; Todd Nottingham

Good afternoon, Mr. Potdevin:

Mr. Amylon requested that I forward you the attached information electronically. Please let me know if you experience any difficulty opening these files.

Many thanks,

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STIP
Scope, Schedule, Estimate
Confirmation

Project Name: 18214 Port of Ketchikan Ferry Facility

Project Scope: Improve waterfront uplands for vehicles and pedestrians.

Project Estimate:

	Year1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Prelim Engineering	100,000.00	30,000.00					130,000.00
Utilities			50,000.00				50,000.00
Right of Way							0.00
Construction			820,000.00				820,000.00
Total	100,000.00	30,000.00	870,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00

Confirmed Scope:

Confirmed Estimate:

	Year1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Prelim Engineering							
Utilities							
Right of Way							
Construction							
Total							

Environmental Considerations:

- Type of document anticipated:
 (Check one)

x			
PCE	CE	EA	EIS

- 4(f) Involvement:

	x
Yes	No

- Time to prepare Environmental Document: n/a

- Permits Required: City Building Permit

Right of Way Considerations:

Additional analysis at the intersection with Front Street and Schoenbar Road will be needed to determine if a traffic signal, traffic circle or other possible changes should be considered. This would be analyzed to determine if right of way, construction easements or utility easements may be necessary. These are not currently planned at this time but will be studied as part of the traffic study.

Utility Considerations:

Demolition of existing utilities (water, fuel lines, a.g. fuel tanks, and installation of water, electric service and storm and sewer service. An oil-water separator will likely be required.

Confirmed Scope, Schedule and Estimate prepared by: _____

Confirmed Scope, Schedule and Estimate approved by: _____

Preconstruction Engineer

Upland Transportation and Pedestrian Amenities at Berth IV

The City of Ketchikan is planning to add two new berths and upland improvements for each. Berth III would be completed in time for the 2007 cruise ship season and Berth IV would be constructed in time for the 2008 cruise ship season. The City is requesting \$1,000,000 as part of the STIP that would be used for upland improvements for vehicular and pedestrian amenities. Site improvements are estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000 million at this site.

The Berth IV cruise ship terminal will stage roughly 5,000 passengers and crew daily at this facility during the cruise ship season. The upland site will be used for parking, pedestrian circulation and staging, and vehicular staging during the cruise ship season. During off-season other recreational and fishing vessels will likely use the facility with similar but less demanding vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow. The upland facility will be located at the current Taquaan float plane facility (adjacent to Front Street and Schoenbar Road in Ketchikan, Alaska) on up to 60,000 square feet of uplands. The upland improvements will consist of parking, covered pedestrian shelters, restroom facility, vehicular access and staging areas for tour operators and pedestrian amenities to facilitate safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian movements.

The upland improvements will require demolition or relocation of historic structures, asphalt concrete pavement, sidewalks and utilities; approximately 54,000 square feet of a.c. paving, structural fill, approximately 4,300 square feet of sidewalk; a pedestrian covered shelter; 1,200 square foot restroom; utilities and lighting improvements. Preconstruction engineering will require a geotechnical investigation, PS&E, contract administration and inspection services, and construction to complete. Easements or right-of-way are not anticipated at this time but may be required as the concept designs progress.

The upland improvements will need to be constructed by May 15, 2008 in time for the summer cruise ship season.

From: Christopher Brewton
To: tnottingham@pndsea.com
Date: Fri, Oct 7, 2005 3:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: 18214 Port of Ketchikan Ferry Facility

Todd,

Request your assistance in completing this request from the state. We need to complete this relative to berth IV with the funds specifically identified for uplands & gta improvements. Thanks...c

>>> Jim Potdevin <jim_potdevin@dot.state.ak.us> 10/4/2005 2:27 PM >>>
Chris -

Good talking to you.

Attached is the Cost Estimate Sheet that I need the City to complete for the \$1,000,000 earmark. Without this information the project cannot be entered in the 2006-2008 STIP. Please fill in the scope, schedule (by year) and cost estimate. I spoke to Karl Amylon about this yesterday, but we need some more info.

From our conversation, I understand that you will talk to the City Manager tomorrow.

Thanks for your help.

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----- Original Message ----- Subject: Re: 18214 Ketchikan: Port of Ketchikan Ferry Facility Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:32:47 -0800 From: Jim Scholl <jim_scholl@dot.state.ak.us> To: Jim Potdevin <jim_potdevin@dot.state.ak.us> CC: Andy Hughes <andy_hughes@dot.state.ak.us> References: <433E2F65.8050807@dot.state.ak.us> <434185B1.7040700@dot.state.ak.us>

Guess I wasn't clear enough. I'll need a cost estimate broke out by phase Jim. Essentially I need a scope, schedule, estimate sheet. Jim Potdevin wrote: > Jim ->> I spoke with the Ketch City Manager, Karl Amylon. This project is part of a much > larger project for the waterfront & cruisehips.>> It's in the design phase now. expect completion in 60-90 days. Total > project will cost \$50-70M.>> Vague scope: Improve waterfronts upland for vehicles and pedestrians.>> Jim>> Jim Scholl wrote:>>> Here's another dog from the earmark section of the STIP, Jim. I'll >> need a cost estimate to keep it in the STIP.>>

CC: David Martin; Karl Amylon; Rebecca Brown